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Many Evidences That the U.F.A., Labor and Independent Groups Will Find Way to Work Together in Canadian Parliament

Conferences With This End in View Already Held During Brief Session at Ottawa—Identity of Each Group Must Be Preserved as Most Satisfactory Basis for Co-operation—United Farmers of Alberta Form Largest Single Group Unit

By WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

At the opening of the Sixteenth Parliament of Canada, Robert Gardiner, M.P., was re-elected Chairman of the U. F. A. group in the House of Commons, and H. E. Spencer, M.P., was re-elected Secretary. The Labor group is organized with J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., as Chairman, while the Progressives who remained quite distinct from the Liberal party, are organized in a group with John Evans, M.P., as Chairman. Miss Agnes McPhail, U. F. O. member for Southeast Grey, is sitting with the U. F. A. members in the House.

The three independent groups are seated in close proximity in the House of Commons. The "Liberal-Progressives" sit in a group among the Government members.

In the article below, William Irvine, U.F.A. member for Wetaskiwin, indicates that conferences have been held with a view to co-operation between the three main independent groups. The negotiations are not complete and no official statement has been issued by the U. F. A. members, and Mr. Irvine explains that the opinions expressed are personal ones, though his references to plans for House organization, of course, deal with the activities to which all the members have been parties.

The first session of the Sixteenth Parliament of Canada was a very brief one, and while it may have made a record in passing the Speech from the Throne, the wisdom of having called the session at all is very questionable.

The session was inconvenient to Western members, who had to spend from six to eight days on the train (round trip) in order to be three days in Parliament, but that inconvenience would not be spoken of if any real service had been done the country by the assembling of Parliament.

REASON GIVEN FOR CALLING PARLIAMENT

To escape the necessity of financing further on Governor-General's warrants was the reason given for calling Parliament. But since it costs no more to finance the country in that way than it does when the usual course is followed, and since the Governor-General has been authorizing expenditures for about six months, it would have been better to have continued with that system until the first week of January and then called Parliament, thus avoiding two sessions. As things are now, the entire staff required during a session will be on pay, or at least half-pay, throughout the interval, so that it was not so much to save money to the country as it was to justify a political criticism made against the Tories by the Liberals during the election, that Parliament was called.

INCREASING EFFORT AGAINST INDEPENDENT GROUPS

This is only another instance of the way in which party strife and prejudice enters into public affairs. Partyism is the dominating force in Parliament, as it has always been. In addition to the party struggle, there is an increasing endeavor by party men of both sides to swallow or discredit the independent groups which have come to challenge the unpardonable stupidity of the party system.

WE STAND FOR CO-OPERATION IN PARLIAMENT

It is too early to speak with certainty as to the extent to which co-operation will be practicable among the various groups in the House. We, as U. F. A. members, regard co-operation in Parliament as a sacred principle to which we are individually committed, as well as being the difference in practice between partyism and the new political system which we seek to introduce. The fact also that both parties are opposed to all groups or individuals outside the party fold, should tend to bring all such groups into a co-operative relationship.

THREE GROUPS FAVOR CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

There were many encouraging evidences during the short session of Parliament just held, that United Farmer, Labor and independent groups will find a way to work together. Indeed, conferences were held with this in view and the basis of such a co-operative arrangement is being worked out, and no doubt the groups will be working harmoniously at the next sitting of the House, in February, 1927.

The U. F. A. is the largest single group unit, then the Progressives, and next Labor and one or two members carrying the U. F. O. banner.

"PROGRESSIVE LIBERALS" IN PRECARIOUS POSITION

The Progressive-Liberal group, which now must be regarded as separate from the Progressives, appear to be precariously situated. By their close relations with the Government they have alienated themselves to some extent from the Progressive party proper, while at the same time the Progressive-Liberals are aware that their usefulness and indeed their very existence depends upon how much emphasis they are able, by their actions, to place upon the first half of their hyphenated name.

Mr. Brown, of Lisgar, rose in his seat among the Liberals and declared that the Progressive-Liberals were not a part of the Liberal party, but an independent group.

While this declaration was received by nearly members from all parts of the House, thus indicating the general conviction that the Progressive-Liberals are in reality anomo-

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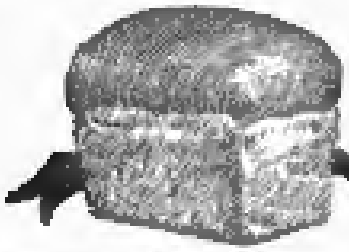

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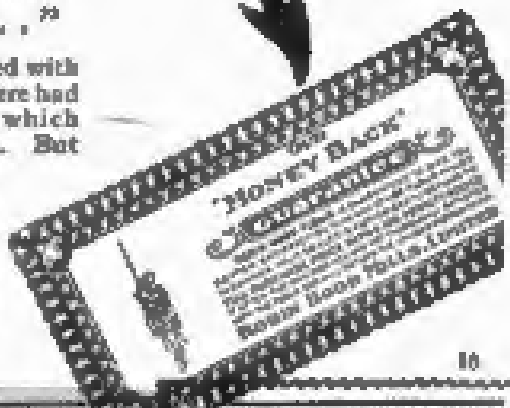

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EDITORIAL

CONCERNING SUBSCRIBERS

Instructions have been given by the Central Board to remove from our mailing list the names of subscribers in arrears. Information to this effect was given to all Locals in a letter from the Organization Committee some time ago, and more recently notice has been sent out by circular letter to members of whose payment of dues we have not been advised by Secretaries. The circular announced that in accordance with the Board's decision we shall be obliged, unless notification of payment be received by Central Office, most regretfully to discontinue sending the paper.

Since the circular was sent out we have received a number of letters from members who assure us that their subscriptions have been paid, and express surprise that on our lists at Central Office they appear as in arrears. Some of these correspondents are active members who have never, at any time, fallen into arrears.

The list on file at Central Office is based upon the lists of paid-up members who require the paper, sent in to us by the Local Secretaries each year. It appears, however, that in some cases, Secretaries, through misunderstanding, have forwarded dues for the number of members in their Locals, without forwarding the list of members. Obviously, unless the Local list is forwarded to us we cannot check up the list at Central Office, and are obliged to assume that members of whose payments we have no notice, are in arrears. In some instances, Local Secretaries have assumed that only the names of new members need be sent in.

May we emphasize the fact that we are dependent upon the Local Secretaries for the furnishing of the lists (except in cases where members at large pay their dues to Central direct) and urge any subscribers who have received our circular, but have in fact paid their dues, and require the paper, to get in touch with their Secretaries and have their names forwarded?

It should be noted that Life Members of the Association are liable to an annual payment of 50 cents to the newspaper, though they are not liable for any other dues to the Central Association.

We would point out to Local Secretaries that the only names required at Central Office are those of members to whom the paper should be sent. In cases where there are two or more members of the Association in one household, only one paper will usually be required, and in such cases only one name need be sent in.

It has been decided to mail the current issue to all persons who received our circular. If members who received the circular and Local Secretaries will assist us, no person who requires the paper and is entitled to receive it will be cut off.

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SURPRISED BY OTTAWA'S ATTITUDE

Reviewing the controversy between the Calgary Livestock Exchange and the United Livestock Growers, the agricultural expert of the Manitoba Free Press sums up the recent course of events in a manner distinctly unfavorable to the Ottawa authorities, and particularly to W. R. Motherwell, the Minister of Agriculture. The Free Press deals at length with the correspondence which has passed between the Dominion Government, the U. L. G. and the Calgary Livestock Exchange.

The Winnipeg newspaper quotes with evident approval the statement of C. Rice-Jones, President of the U. L. G., to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to the effect that suspension of the U. L. G. was not due to irregularities of trading, but to the fact that they had refused to comply with the demand of the Exchange that "we submit our books for examination" (by the Exchange).

"The unfairness of expecting the Pool, or co-operative enterprise, to submit its books for inspection to rival and antagonistic firms must be so manifest that it could not be endorsed by your Department," continues the quotation from Mr. Rice-Jones' letter. "As this was the entire cause of our suspension, it is an additional reason why your Department should grant the request for the continuance for the time being of our license."

The Free Press points out that in the absence of Dr. Grisdale, the Deputy, who had been obliged to leave for Europe, the above letter was dealt with by Mr. Motherwell, the Minister, who finally placed the U. L. G. in a position in which they were compelled to submit to a fine of $250 from the Livestock Exchange, as the condition of carrying on business. In conclusion, this newspaper says:

"In view of the fact that Mr. Motherwell, when the matter was first made public last spring, rushed into print with the statement that if regulations did not permit of co-operative trading they would be changed to meet the needs of co-operative organizations, and in view of the letter to the Deputy stating clearly that the infractions were technical only, the outcome is a surprise not only to the Directors of the Livestock Producers, but to livestock men generally who are interested in co-operative trading."

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Program of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the U.F.A.

The program of the Annual Convention (subject to change) is given below:

Tuesday Morning, January 18th

9:30 a.m. Official opening of the Convention; "O Canada" sung by the Convention. Invocation; opening address, His Honor Lieut-Governor W. Egbert; address of welcome, His Worship Mayor Bury; election of Chairman of the Convention; appointment of the Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Order of Business; Annual Address of the President; Annual Address of the President U. F. W. A.; financial statement.

Tuesday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital; report of Canadian Council of Agriculture; Constitutional Amendments; Resolutions.

Tuesday Evening

8 p.m. Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen; address, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta; Resolutions.

Wednesday Morning, January 19th

"Organize," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.
12:00 noon. Nomination for President 1927.

Wednesday afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
2 p.m. Joint session U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.; ballot for the President, 1927; nominations for Vice-President; ballot to follow immediately.

Wednesday Evening

Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen.
8 p.m. Addresses by Fraternal Delegates; discussion upon report of Buying and Selling Committee, including address by T. Swindlehurst, Secretary Alberta Co-operative League; Resolutions.

Thursday Morning, January 20th

"O Canada," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.

Thursday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
Joint session U. F. A. and U. F. W. A.; newspaper Resolutions; report of Convenor Senior Committee on Young People's Work; report of Junior Secretary.
5:30 p.m. Election of U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Directors.

Thursday Evening

Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen; address, Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P.; Resolutions.

Friday Morning, January 21st

"Organize," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.

Friday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
2 p.m. Resolutions.

Friday Evening

8 p.m. Unfinished and new business. "God Save the King."

Railways, Telephones and Wheat Pool Feature Discussions at Stettler Annual Convention

Vernor Smith Gives Very Good Account of Northern Railways Arrangements and Explains Telephone Increases—Ben Plumer Deals With Wheat Pool Questions in Highly Satisfactory Way

The Annual Convention of the Stettler Provincial Constituency U. F. A. Association was held in the town hall, Stettler, on Friday, Dec. 10th, President J. E. Brown of Castor, presiding at the meeting.

Hon. V. W. Smith was the first speaker at the afternoon session. He gave a very interesting address on the natural wealth of our great Province, and outlined the possibilities for great development and prosperity due to come to Alberta. His explanation of the new arrangements made in regard to the operating of the Northern Railways was to the complete satisfaction of all present. In regard to the recent increase in rates by the Telephone Department, his explanation was very satisfactory to the Convention.

AS FAST AS SAFETY WILL PERMIT

Ben Plumer, of the Wheat Pool, gave a very interesting and instructive address on the operation of the Pool. His assurance that the Board were acquiring elevators as fast as safe and sane business methods would allow was evidently received with a good deal of satisfaction by the Wheat Pool members present. His instructions to farmers shipping wheat through line elevators to be sure and send car number to Pool Office, as soon as loaded, so that the Pool Office can keep a check on grading, should be observed without fail by all Pool members.

Mr. Plumer, at the conclusion of his address, answered a large number of questions to the satisfaction of all present. More information of this kind by the Pool Directors would do much to clear away any dissatisfaction and misunderstanding existing among Pool members.

At the evening session A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., gave an outline of the most important acts passed by the last Legislature. The balance of the evening was taken up by discussion of resolutions of which several were passed on to the Annual U. F. A. Convention.

J. E. Brown was re-elected President and Mrs. R. Price Vice-President.

E. A. HANSON,
Secretary.

SEVEN U. F. A. MEMBERS AMONG CHICAGO PRIZE WINNERS

Of the Alberta winners in seed grains at the Chicago International show this year, the following seven are members of the U. F. A.:

Herman Trein, Wembley; A. C. B. Greenville, Merrit; J. A. Hannaford, Howie; L. N. Foote, Rainier; Robert Cochrane, Grande Prairie; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn; Mrs. M. Graham, Riverton.

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION JANUARY 17th

The Annual Convention of the Peace River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in the Labor Hall, Edmonton, on Monday, January 17th, commencing at 1 p.m. All Locals of the old West Edmonton Independent Political Association are invited to send delegates to this Convention for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the old Association.—Jos. Maspeier, Secretary.

FAVOR JANUARY CONVENTION

Colholme Local at a recent meeting went on record as favoring the holding of the Annual Convention in January, as at present.

PEACE RIVER TO THE FORE

Peace River problems will receive early attention in the Legislature when the session opens, since Hugh Allen, U. F. A. member for Peace River, has been selected to move the reply to the Speech from the Throne. G. R. Walker, U. F. A. member for Clarescholm, will second the reply.

FAVOR SUMMER CONVENTION

Change of the date of the Annual Convention of the U. F. A. from January to the latter part of June was recommended by the Calumet Local in a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Local recently. It was decided to take steps to form a Junior U. F. A. The Local also arranged to order a carload of lumber, to be handled by U. F. A. members.

"History without politics has no fruit, and politics without history has no root."—Sir J. R. Seeley.

SOCIETY AND WAR

"It is true that a delicate human spirit, undaunted if disillusioned, will remain to the end facing undefiled the most obscene barbarities of war. It may even be shocked into a deeper apprehension of life. Yet the public smile on the resolute face of the good lad as he dies in the muck of battle should not convince society, which ordered him to make the sacrifice, of its own admirable ways."—H. M. Tomlinson.

Political Action and Co-operative Marketing Must Assist Each Other, Declares Walton H. Peteet

Both Are Necessary, Declares Leading Co-operative Marketing Expert of the United States—Co-operative Marketing Without Contract Legislation Would Leave Farmer Still Handicapped — One-Sided Action Alone Is Insufficient

In the following article, issued by the Publicity Department of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association, Walton H. Peteet, the most eminent of practical Co-operative Marketing Experts, of the U. S. A., declares that there is no conflict between action on the political field and the co-operative marketing movement, but that on the contrary, both are necessary, and that without legislative action, co-operative marketing "will still leave agriculture handicapped by conditions which will continue to pull it down."

Walton Peteet, former secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations, and present editor of The Co-operative Marketing Journal with headquarters at Washington, D.C., makes a very able comparison of co-operative marketing and surplus control legislation. In part Mr. Peteet says:

"Agriculture as a national industry is losing its old position in our national economy.

"Its relative share of the national income is decreasing and is not sufficient to permit farmers to raise their standards of living proportionately with other classes.

"There are two main causes for this declining position, one economic, and the other political.

"The economic cause is the loss of bargaining power in the market places.

"Two generations ago, when practically all business was on a small scale individual basis, the farmer could trade on even terms with the small town dealer and buyer of his products. In this day of highly organized and integrated industry carried on by gigantic corporations, the individual farmer cannot deal on even terms with the buyers of his products, and he has no voice in the market places.

"Co-operative marketing is the farmers' answer. It is his effort to regain bargaining power in the market places where his products are sold.

"The political cause of the declining position of agriculture is a national protective system whose cost to farmers is greater than its benefits.

"The effort to secure surplus control legislation is the farmers' answer to that injustice.

"Question: Are co-operative marketing and surplus control legislation competitive remedies? Will the success of one render the other unnecessary?

"My answer is, no; they are not competitive.

"The operation of successful co-operative marketing organizations will still leave agriculture handicapped by conditions which will continue to pull it down.

"Surplus control legislation can be made permanently effective only through co-operative marketing organization of farmers.

"Therefore, there is no antagonism between the two movements. They are complements, one of the other. Co-operative marketing cannot accomplish all its aims without surplus control legislation; and surplus control legislation cannot be fully effective without co-operative marketing."

Calgary Local Urges Appointment of Pacific Standards Board

Board of Directors of U. F. A. Will Be Requested to Bring Resolution Before Annual Convention—Lack of Pacific Board Works Great Hardship to Alberta Producers

Pointing out that the present standard samples furnished the Government inspectors do not contain a fair sample of Alberta wheat; that the lack of a Standards Board for grain routed West is working a hardship upon producers of wheat in Alberta, inasmuch as no Alberta Standard Sample is recognized in the world's markets, the Calgary U. F. A. Local, at a meeting on December 23rd, urged the adoption by the Annual Convention of a resolution requesting the appointment of a Pacific Standards Board, and toward that end the co-operation of the Wheat Pool, the Grain Trade, the Provincial Governments of Alberta and British Columbia, the Boards of Trade of the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and representatives of both Provinces to the Dominion Parliament.

The resolution, which was moved by W. Macleod and seconded by S. J. Ewing, was adopted unanimously, and the Central Board will be asked to present it for consideration by the Convention.

LOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ROUTE

The resolution laid emphasis on the fact that the Western grain route has now become firmly established; that our trade in cereals with Japan and China is rapidly increasing; and that with the world's shipping in normal condition, the Western route is the logical and economic route by means of which the products of Alberta reach the markets of the world.

The resolution on the subject of the personnel of the present Grain Standards Board adopted by the November Calgary conference was also endorsed by the Local.

ALREADY PAYS MORE THAN SHARE OF TAXES

The following resolution was also adopted, with a request that it be placed on the agenda of the Convention, by the Central Board:

"Whereas, agriculture already pays more than its fair share of the revenue of the country by means of indirect taxation;

"Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urges the necessity for the strongest opposition to any proposals for the abolition or reduction of the income tax, and is of the opinion that any revision of the income tax should be in an upward direction."

The election of officers of the Local for 1927 took place at meetings of the Local on December 9th, and on December 23rd. R. O. German was elected Honorary President, on his retirement from the Presidency at the conclusion of a most successful year. E. R. Briggs was elected President and R. N. Mangles Vice-President. N. P. Davisson was re-elected secretary and H. Whittred was elected treasurer. The following were elected Directors: Howard Flett, S. J. Ewing, L. McKinnon, R. O. German and Norman Smith. Delegates appointed to the Annual Convention were W. Macleod, Guy W. Johnston and L. McKinnon.

O, THE EARTH IS A MILL

By HERT HUFFMAN

O, the Earth is a Mill
And We are the Waters
Surging over the Wheel;
Grinding the Grist
Of Endless Endeavor—
Of Destiny, tragic and real.

Turning it blindly,
Grinding out Agonies,
Passions and Hatreds and Woe—
Ceaselessly surging
Like torrents unbridled,
Over the Mill Wheel we go.

Grinding the Black Grist
Of Toil unrewarded—
Of Strifes that fall fruitless and dead;
And o'er us the Miller
Our Master, stands idle,
Glutted, enriched, on our Bread.

O, We are the Mill Wheel,
The Waters dynamic,
The Grist and the Miller, and all.
We are the Gear Wheels,
The Pinions, the Spindles—
Ours are the Moanings that fall!

O, Grind we in Gladness
A new Grist of Brotherhood
Filling and thrilling the land;
For We are the Master,
The Brain of the Miller,
His Soul, and the Skill of his Hand!

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NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Members and Locals Edited by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Wheat Pool Deprives Mixing Houses of Harvest Formerly Reaped From Producers in "Spotted" Crop Years

Col. G. C. Porter, Independent Writer in Vancouver Sun, Declares Wheat Pool Is Preventing Mixing Houses From Making Usual Heavy Killing, and Shows Reason Why—Even Millers Unable to Buy Sprouted Cars as in the Old Days

The following article, taken from the Vancouver Sun, of Nov. 30th, is written by Col. G. C. Porter, the well-known Winnipeg newspaper man. The article is especially interesting on account of being the opinion of a man who is in no way connected with the Canadian Pools. It is reprinted verbatim.

Mixing houses at the lake head are not doing so well with the de-graded wheat this season as in other years. The explanation is simple. The Pool has now the machinery to dry, clean and mix various grades of grain. With Pool patrons getting the higher prices for the off grain, the farmer who is not in the Pool is forcing the trade to pay on the same basis.

POOL ELIMINATES TOLL ON MIXING

In other years a "spotted" crop has always meant a rich harvest for the mixing houses, with corresponding losses to the producer. With the huge terminals and mixing machinery taken over by the Pool from the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company at the lake terminals, this service is now being performed for Pool wheat without the payment of the big toll the trade used to exact from this source.

This is the chief reason why, in spite of the great quantity of off grades this season, prices are being maintained. Even the millers are unable to buy sprouted cars as in the old days. It is bringing up the average. With the increased yield and the higher levels the present crop handled by the Pool promises to exceed in value that of last year.

DESPERATE PROPAGANDA OF GRAIN TRADE

But the propaganda being put out by the trade against the Pool policy is fierce and appears to be promoted regardless of expense. Newspapers as well as lecturers are being used to assail the Pool system. The duel is especially keen over whether or not the prices paid Pool patrons for the 1925-26 crop equalled those received by the non-Pool growers. The average paid by the Pool was away above the level of former years and the management claims the propaganda of the trade on this point is ridiculous. They point out that the trade takes a high price, probably for a moment on the exchange and asks: "Why did the Pool not give you that high level and sell its holdings at that figure while it ruled?"

HEAVY UNLOADING WOULD BREAK PRICES

As a matter of fact such quotations, the Pool management points out, cannot be regarded as the basis for orderly marketing. In the first place an unusual figure quoted drives buyers off the market. If the Pool attempted to unload a few million bushels at such a figure the market would really break to a lower level of prices, and this the trade well knows.

Pool supporters are not much concerned over the effort of the trade to kill co-operative organization. They will market nearly three-fourths of this year's wheat with an ever-increasing membership and little if any dissatisfaction among the members. In fact the only interests that appear to be dissatisfied with Pool policy are the representatives of the private marketing system.

FORCED TRADE TO MEET HIGHER LEVELS

So strong has the Pool become that the speculative market no longer sets the price of wheat in Canada. With a system of Grain Exchanges operating alongside the Pool, entrenched behind 50 years of success, the Pool has steadily increased its volume of business and forced the trade to meet the higher levels in order to get any grain at all.

Exchange quotations no longer regulate the price of wheat in Canada. This is considered one of the chief triumphs of the new marketing system.

There is no mystery about the Pool. It is merely an association of farmers who are trying to get reasonable prices for what they produce in the way of wheat. For twenty years this was sought by statutory enactment. These regulations did not curb the rapacity of the trade, whose members were growing wealthier while the farmers who produced the commodity out of which the trade made its millions became poorer. Then in desperation came the Pool, which has grown into a gigantic commercial success, handling more than $200,000,000 worth of wheat annually.

EXCHANGE DOES NOT REGULATE REVENUE

It is not the exchanges or the price-determining factors that regulate the Western Canadian farmers' revenue from wheat any more. The orderly marketing system of the Pool has put a stop to this phase of the grain trade which in other years made wealthy men of everybody that handled grain except the producers.

LOBBY AGAINST CAMPBELL BILL

And the first important thing to come before Parliament will be the Campbell Act to give the Pool its rights in having grain of its patrons shipped to Pool terminals no matter in what elevator it may be deposited. This is the measure that became law, as far as the House was concerned, almost unanimously last year, but which failed to get by the Senate. A powerful lobby is expected to oppose the bill as it did last year, but the Pool management thinks it will this time become law in spite of the foes in the trade and the powerful influence they exert in legislative circles. Anyway, the opposition from the trade does not seem to be hurting the Pool, as membership and volume of grain are steadily increasing in all three Provinces of the consolidated Pool.

Selling Organization Indispensable

Pool Farmer, Who Made 17½c More Than Price on Open Market, Expresses Views

Alberta Wheat Pool Secretary:
Dear Sir:—

As we are seeing the usual statements in the press showing that the non-Wheat Pool farmer has received a higher price for his wheat than the Pool farmer member, I here give the facts re my own crop:

On October 25th, 1925, I took my first load to the elevator at Colinton. It was graded No. 3. On that date No. 3 at Colinton, cash price was 95c. I received an initial payment of 73½c, also two interim payments of 20c each and a final payment of 2c per bushel, giving me in all a total price of $1.15 per bushel. In

my case I have actually received 17½c over the elevator price on the day I took my first load. There has also been deducted the operating cost, commercial reserve and elevator reserve, a portion of which is an asset. As I feel that the average farmer is interested in the actual net price received, I am glad to state the facts in my own case. In conclusion I might add that for many reasons a farmer cannot sell when he would like to, but must take advantage of the roads and weather, as every day is not fit to haul grain and then, in most cases, he needs money to meet his obligations, so a selling organization is, in my humble opinion, indispensable for him.

I am sir, yours very truly,
DAVID M. YOUNG,
President Perryvale Local,
Wheat Pool.

Perryvale, Alta.

Pools Are Salvation of the Farmers

Must Follow Example of Other Big Business Enterprises

Red Deer Advocate: While there are various forms of farmer-organization throughout Western Canada, and too much of the success of their work depends at present upon such leaders as Wood, Crerar, Brownlee, yet it seems inevitable that farm-marketing organizations such as co-operative societies, pools, etc, must be the salvation of the farmer in face of the powerful labor, railway, wholesaling, newspaper, banking and capitalistic organizations which confront him. For any farmer to think that, unaided and as an individual, he can fight his own way and get a just return for his labor for himself for his children and for his neighbors, in the face of the "big business methods" which dominate the world today, seems strange. It is only because he does not realize how extensively farmer-organization has spread in the Scandinavian countries, in Germany, in Australia, in Italy, in the States, in Canada, that he despises the efforts of his Western Canada brethren to help themselves by co-operative organization. Some farmers will succeed under almost any conditions, in newer countries, especially; nearly all will do well some years; but the bulk of them in the older countries have a hard row to hoe; they may work through, but it is a strenuous struggle.

Grain Men Losing Source of Profit

Propaganda Obviously Based on Selfish Motives

High River Times: As a reason for the unusual present interest expressed by the grain men for the welfare of the farmer, we quote a few statements from the recent remarks of Mr. Smith, which would convince an ordinarily sane man that the propaganda now being broadcast is based on selfish motives in an endeavor to check the inroads of a legitimate and modern business which is at present robbing the grain men of a hitherto wonderfully profitable business at the expense of the growers of grain.

WHEAT POOL NEWS NOTES

WHEAT POOL MEMBERSHIP

Figures showing the growth of the Alberta Wheat Pool since its inception were announced at the Pool office in Calgary, Wednesday. On November 10th, 1923, there were 25,601 members owning or controlling 2,416,413 acres, while at the end of November, this year, there were 38,005 members, controlling 3,622,-724 acres. The figures by districts, compiled at October 30th, are as follows:

	Members	Acres
Lethbridge	7,022	493,962
Claresholm	2,912	482,722
South Calgary	3,721	487,936
North Calgary	4,183	534,259
Red Deer	6,600	516,991
Camrose	5,268	545,711
Edmonton	11,389	661,055
Added during Nov.	428	27,304

The progress of the Alberta Wheat Pool since its inception is further illustrated by the following figures:

	Members	Acres
Nov. 10, 1923	25,601	2,416,413
Dec. 31, 1924	30,711	2,952,890
Dec. 31, 1925	35,097	3,457,673
Nov. 30, 1926	38,005	3,622,724

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Out of seven and a half million bushels of wheat shipped via Vancouver and Prince Rupert, the Wheat Pool has shipped four million bushels.

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The Canadian Pool, which sells the wheat gathered by the three Provincial Pools, has six hundred milling customers in France, and handled eighty per cent. of all the wheat bought in France last year. Per capita, the people of France use more wheat than any other nationality.

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Ben S. Plomer, Director for North Calgary Wheat Pool district, addressed meetings at Stettler and Lethbridge during the past week. Farmers are particularly urged to attend all meetings at which Pool topics will be discussed. Learn the facts about the Pool.

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R. J. Moffat, Bradwell, Sask., has been appointed managing director of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. The expansion of the Pool in that Province has made this move necessary.

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Ontario farmers are planning the formation of a Grain Pool. Last year an Ontario farmer co-operative company exported winter wheat through the assistance of the Canadian Wheat Pool.

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A couple of participation certificates issued by the Wheat Board of 1920 were sent into the Alberta Wheat Pool office. While the Wheat Pool has no connection with the old Wheat Board, an office of the latter is still open, and arrangements were made to have these certificates honored. A very large sum of money is held by the old Wheat Board against unclaimed participation certificates.

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W. J. Jackman, Director for Edmonton who has been investigating conditions in the Argentine, is expected home around New Year's day. The Canadian Pool office wired that Mr. Jackman was to load in New York on December 27th.

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The January meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool directors will be held in Edmonton during the U. F. A. Convention.

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The first British ship to carry wheat from Prince Rupert was the Yoseric. This boat took 226,000 bushels of Pool wheat from the Alberta Pool terminal last week. This terminal has been practically filled with wheat and boats have been loading rapidly.

BREVITIES

SHORT DAY; BIG RESULTS

Tuesday, December 21st was the shortest day in the year, but long enough for forty applications for membership to be registered with the Alberta Wheat Pool.

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NON-ESSENTIALS TROUBLESOME

People throughout the ages have been much more inclined to fight and quarrel over non-essentials and things that don't matter at all than to quarrel over fundamentals. They will usually agree on the fundamentals, but will quarrel like cats and dogs over things that don't amount to a snap of the finger.—A. J. McPhail.

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POOL MEETINGS

S. N. Mangles, manager of the Growers' Department of the Alberta Pool, addressed meetings at Clive and Birch Lake on December 17th.

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GRAIN HANDLED

The amount of grain handled by the three Prairie Pools from the 1925 crop was:

	Pool Wheat	Total Wheat Produced
Alberta	45,167,110	92,144,116
Manitoba	12,451,896	36,201,691
Saskatchewan	129,600,592	229,213,120

Out of a total of 357,559,637 bushels of wheat delivered, the Central Selling Agency of the Pools handled 187,220,000 bushels, or over 52 per cent. of the total deliveries.

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ONTARIO TO FORM POOL

The farmers of Ontario are going ahead with plans for the formation of a Wheat Pool. In anticipation of this move the "Toronto Saturday Night" is unlimbering its "big artillery."

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HANNA "TOOLERS" MEET

A meeting of Pool farmers was held in Hanna on Saturday, December 18th. This meeting was called by E. D. Blain, Delegate, for the discussion of grading and other matters of interest. R. A. McPherson, Director for North Calgary, and Wm. McLeod, grading expert on the Pool staff, addressed the meeting.

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ATTEND POOL MEETINGS

Attend the meetings of the Pool Locals. Be on hand when your Director comes around to speak. Learn the facts about your Pool first hand and not from an enemy in the disguise of a friend.

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LOST TEN MILLION

Financial men in the Dark Tobacco District of Kentucky, have produced figures to show that tobacco producers in that region lost nearly TEN MILLION DOLLARS last year through the fact that

competitive selling of tobacco had been resumed following the collapse of the Pool. The "Tobacco Trade" destroyed the Dark Tobacco Pool. Their methods were: Over-grading and misrepresentation.

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COMPULSORY POOLING IN B.C.

The Minister of Agriculture in British Columbia is seriously contemplating legislation to make co-operation by fruit growers compulsory. Non-poolers have been taking advantage of Pool prices and refusing to share Pool burdens. The Minister, Hon. E. D. Barrow, says he is ready to make a test of a compulsory law.

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APPRECIATIVE!

Henry Kemper, of Metiskow, writes to the Alberta Pool: "I thank you very much for the price obtained for the 1925 crop. It is very remarkable that the Pool realized 80c for No. 6 or feed. Our opposition paid the same amount for No. 1 in 1925. I am glad you made the deductions to buy or build elevators."

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LARGE LOAD OF POOL WHEAT

The Saskatchewan Pool reports that Alex. Nolan, a Pool farmer, delivered the biggest load of wheat ever hauled into Rouleau, Sask., by four horses. The gross weight of the load was 13,040 lbs., and the total amount of wheat was 188½ bushels.

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MUCH HAS BEEN DONE

Northwestern Miller: "Whatever one's views on the theory of Pool marketing, it is necessary to concede that the officials and directors of the Canadian Pool have accomplished much in organization and in bringing the enterprise to its present state of efficiency. Faced with the necessity of pioneering in a new field with untried tools, the Pool has proven its ability to adapt itself to changing conditions, and undoubtedly has won the confidence, not only of its members, but of business and industrial interests in Canada outside of Agriculture and the Grain Trade. This can be regarded as a signal accomplishment."

Weekly Publisher Backs Up Pool

Consigns Anti-Pool Propaganda to the Waste Paper Basket

Bawlf Sun: Sanford Evans' address contains so many veiled assertions that it is easy to see that there is either something radically wrong in the basic principles of the Pools, or that Mr. Evans is employing a clever device to knock the greatest co-operative project that was ever inaugurated in North America, or anywhere else. For the benefit of this project in which we have unbounded faith, we are giving as much publicity from week to week, as our facilities will warrant as a country newspaper publisher.

Next week we shall endeavor to publish an address given by D. L. Smith, sales manager of the Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools, entitled, "The Wheat Pool and Wheat Prices". We have consigned the Evans address to the dead book, which is the next thing to the waste paper basket.

Day of Testing of the Wheat Pool

An Editorial by the Calgary Herald on the Progress of the Pooling System —A Warning Against the Anti-Pool Campaign

The Alberta Wheat Pool, through members of its Board of Directors, is giving an account of its work to the people of the Province. The Pool has done this each year since it was organized. This frankness in taking the people into the Pool's confidence is one of the causes of the confidence that has been reposed in it.

Those on the other side, the powerful opponents of the Pool method of wheat-marketing, have said that the testing time of the Pool will came when it attempts to re-sign present members for another period of time. That is true. What is equally true is that the enemies of the Pool will seize upon this occasion to destroy it if they can. They will not wait till the re-signing campaign begins. Long before that they will be active.

Their line of attack can be broadly foreseen. They will seek to undermine confidence in Pool operations and they will try to convince the wheat-growers of the Province that marketing of wheat by the Pool method has brought them considerably less financial return than marketing through the old agencies.

If the Wheat Pool does not deserve the confidence of its members, why has this allegation been presented only by those who are affected adversely financially by the progress that has been made by the Pool system in Western Canada?

The Pool in Alberta is a huge organization. It has approximately 40,000 members. Its operations in wheat are of mammoth proportions. If it had done badly one would have expected those most intimately affected—the farmers themselves—to raise the first outcry. No charge of that nature has been publicly made by members.

On the contrary, members seem to be very well satisfied indeed.

The Herald has not heard one Alberta merchant complain of the results of the Pool system. It has heard many speak in terms of warm approval of the value of the Pool to farmers and to business men.

Not one banker has criticized the Pool to the knowledge of this paper. But many have spoken well of it and have commended its method of financing payments to the farmers.

It is significant that those who decry the Pool are those who would benefit by the passing of it.

The time is not too early for warning the farmers of this Province of the campaign against the Pool which may be expected. That it will succeed in Alberta is most improbable. The Wheat Pool farmers will hold together.

Ability, experience and prudence have marked the administration of the Pool in this Province. Pool marketing is not a flash-in-the-pan venture, but a definite and probably permanent development in the evolution of transferring wheat from producer to consumer.—Calgary Herald, Dec. 23rd, 1926.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

In addition to resolutions already published in whole or in summary, the following have been received to date, for consideration at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. this month, all, with the exception of the first, having been too late for inclusion in the list mailed to Locals:

TELEPHONES—UNIFORM RING ON RURAL LINES

Whereas, it is often necessary to call every subscriber on a rural phone line at the same time for the purpose of advertising a meeting or any other matter which it is necessary to make known to everyone;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Telephone Department of the Provincial Government be asked to establish a ring which shall be the same on all rural lines of the Province and which ring shall not be the ring of any individual, but shall be a general call of every subscriber on the line.—Carmangay Provincial C. A.

IRRIGATION ACT

Resolved, that the Irrigation Act be amended so as to release farmers from paying the tax where the water was not wanted.—Macleod Federal C. A.

CLEANING GRAIN

Resolved, that if the Government representative finds the grain cleaner satisfactory, the custom thresher be compelled to operate a grain cleaner on his threshing machine.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

GOVERNMENT STANDARD

Resolved, that we express our dissatisfaction in the present variable Government standard of wheat and urge that really definite standards be established.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Resolved, that it is in the interest of good government that the Prime Minister should require a majority vote before he can dissolve Parliament.—Macleod Federal C. A.

RE-ELECTION OF CABINET MINISTERS

Resolved, that the law be amended to allow a member of the House of Commons to accept a Cabinet position without losing his seat.—Macleod Federal C. A.

CORRECT TIME OVER TELEPHONE EACH DAY

Whereas, we believe that the question of correct time is a vexatious problem, both to rural people and to telephone operators on rural lines;

Therefore, we would recommend to the Department of Railways and Telephones the following simple solution in practice in many places in the United States: that each day at a fixed hour the operator ring one long ring on each rural line.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

CAPPING OIL WELLS

Resolved, that some means be found to prevent oil companies from capping wells which show signs of immediate production. —Stettler Provincial C. A.

INCOME TAX

Resolved, that we support the Council of Agriculture's resolutions concerning income tax, with the exception of the last section dealing with double taxations.—Stettler Provincial C. A.

TELEPHONE RATES

Resolved, that we oppose any increase in the rural telephone rates, and favor instead a telephone tax of ten dollars ($10.00) per quarter section on all land which is passed by a telephone line, unless the owner thereof has a telephone on some part of his land, and,

Be it further resolved, that we recommend that the telephone rates be reduced by twenty-five cents per month, believing that the loss of revenue caused by this reduction will be more than offset by the large number of telephones which would be installed, and the corresponding increase in trunk calls.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

CITIZENSHIP OF MARRIED WOMEN

Resolved, that a woman should not lose her franchise when she marries a man who is not a citizen.—Macleod Federal C. A.

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

A Page of Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.

Alberta Livestock Pool Contracts Form Main Business of the United Livestock Growers

Synopsis Shows Business Done for Month of November, on Edmonton and Calgary Yards, and Proportion Representing Contracts of Alberta Pool—Calgary Hog Prices Maintain Higher Level Than Those of Winnipeg

The following is a synopsis of the business done on the Calgary and Edmonton yards by the United Livestock Growers for the month of November, showing the proportion of the business which was contracted to the Alberta Livestock Pool. Their yards at Moose Jaw and Winnipeg also did a very good commission business:

	Calgary	Edmonton
Cars U. L. G.	364	364
Cars of Alberta Pool Contract Stock	127	223
Yard Percentage Net Including Direct Shipments		
Cattle	22.1	34.2
Hogs	22.5	50.4
Sheep	8.6	41.9
Value—		
Total U. L. G.	$287,809.37	$435,961.42
Total Contract for Alta. Pool	$160,925.73	$251,168.48

CALGARY HOG PRICES HIGHER THAN WINNIPEG

Hog prices have been good and the following is a comparative statement of the Calgary and Winnipeg thick smooth prices:

	Calgary	Winnipeg
November 3rd	$11.60	$11.00
November 10th	10.50	10.50
November 17th	10.25	10.00
November 24th	10.25	9.60
December 1st	10.60&10.75	9.75
December 8th	11.00	10.50
December 15th	10.60	10.00
December 22nd	11.10	10.50

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GOOD INFLUENCE ON HOG MARKET

The Alberta Livestock Pool, through their selling agency, the United Livestock Growers, are providing a good influence on the hog market and are taking advantage of the Coast and States markets to keep our prices above the Winnipeg price rather than leave them in line with Winnipeg or 50c below that market.

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TO PUT CARDSTON AREA ON CONTRACT BASIS

On Tuesday night, December 21st, representatives of the Provincial Livestock Pool and the Southern Alberta Co-op. met the Cardston Livestock Shipping Association Board, which is reorganizing in that territory, and made plans for a series of meetings for the last week in January to put this territory on a contract basis. The Cardston district is one of the heaviest livestock producing districts in Alberta, and this Association bids fair to be one of the most successful of our co-operative shipping associations. Mr. Card, the President of the Cardston Board of Trade, was present at the meeting, and volunteered his personal assistance as well as the assistance of his Board, after expressing his firm belief in the possibilities of co-operative livestock marketing.

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Needed Amendments in the Livestock and Products Act

The Alberta Livestock Pool is in receipt of a wire from Mr. Motherwell, the Minister of Agriculture, in reply to a request from them to be represented when the change is being considered in the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, Regulations and Exchange bylaws, and he states that his representative is on the way to Ottawa from the West and wishes to confer with him before taking up the matter of the changes in the Act to permit of co-operative marketing.

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U.L.G. DID NOT GET MANIFESTS

Co-operative shippers who are preparing for their annual meeting are writing in to the United Livestock Growers for manifests which they have loaned to what they thought was an employee of the United Livestock Growers. The United Livestock Growers at no time got manifests from their shippers during the trouble with the Livestock Exchange in Calgary. These former employees of the United Livestock Growers at that time were working with, if not for, the Calgary Livestock Exchange, and these manifests can most likely be procured if the shippers will write direct to the President of the Calgary Livestock Exchange.

PROTESTS CONDITIONS AT CHICAGO

Special representations for the improvement of conditions under which seed grain is shown at Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, will be made by Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, of Alberta, and other Provincial Departments of Agriculture, to the authorities of the Chicago show. These representations follow up protests which have been made for the past four years by representatives from Alberta and other Provinces against the unsatisfactory conditions under which the grain is shown at Chicago. These conditions are such that it is possible for an outsider to interfere with, and introduce adulteration into the grain exhibits before the judges have done their work. It was found this year that mixed grain had been introduced into the Alberta and other Canadian exhibits a short time before judging commenced, and unknown to the authorities, and it was only quick work on the part of the exhibitors themselves that saved the exhibits from being counted out. The authorities will be asked to furnish complete protection for the exhibits before next year's exhibition.

Propose to Develop a Market in Canada for Canadian Coal

Canadian Coal Publicity Committee Organized—Requests Farmers' Assistance

For the purpose of developing public interest in a National Coal Policy for Canada, a Canadian Coal Publicity Committee has been formed. The Alberta Government and U. F. A. Federal members are actively interesting themselves in an effort to further such a policy, and E. J. Garland, M.P., who has devoted himself energetically to the problem since he was first elected to the House of Commons, recently addressed a meeting of the Drumheller Board of Trade on this important subject. A short time ago Premier Brownlee made a very thorough survey of the situation, and of the efforts which the Alberta Government is making to develop a market for the rich coal resources of this Province, at a meeting of the Calgary Board of Trade.

Mr. Stutchbury is anxious that all citizens of Alberta should concern themselves in this problem, and has requested that all members of the U. F. A. should assist in arousing interest in the campaign by typing or writing at the end of all their letters the slogan, "Canadian Coal for Canadians."

In his recent address, Mr. Garland declared it was desirable to think not only in terms of the coal of Alberta, which is an immense potential field of supply, but also to work, from a national standpoint, for a policy which will bring the coal of the Maritimes and of Saskatchewan to the points in this country where coal is not a native product. Not one cent of the $160,000,000 which represents Canada's outlay for imported coal, need be spent, he said, if a wise policy were followed in the development of the markets for our own product.

Mr. Stutchbury will be glad to furnish information upon the objects of the committee to any of our readers who will write him at the Union Bank Building, Edmonton.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROCHDALE EQUITABLE PIONEERS' SOCIETY

How a Small Group of Lancashire Weavers Who Were Unemployed Laid the Foundations of the Great Co-operative Institutions of Britain

By GEORGE H. HOLYOAKE

We print below the second instalment of the History of the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society. Mr. Holyoake's article is published in behalf of the Alberta Co-operative League.

In March, 1845, it was resolved that a license for the sale of tea and tobacco be taken out for the next quarter, in the name of Charles Howarth. This step evidently involved the employment of more capital, for, though the members had increased, funds had not increased sufficiently for this purpose. The members, in public meeting assembled, were made aware of this fact. Then for the second time in the history of the Rochdale Store, do we hear of any member being in possession of more than twopence.

"PROMISED TO FIND" HALF A CROWN

One member promised to find half a crown (60c). "Promised to find" is the phrase employed on the occasion; it was not "promised to pay, or subscribe, or advance." "Promised to find" probably alluded to the effort required to produce a larger sum than twopence in those parts. Another member "promised to find" five shillings, and another "promised to find" one pound ($5).

This last announcement was received with no mean surprise, and the rich and reckless man who made the promise was regarded with double veneration, as being at once a millionaire and a martyr. Other members promised to find various sums in proportion to their means, and in due time the husbands could get from the store the solace of tobacco, and wives the solace of tea.

SAVED INSTEAD OF GETTING INTO DEBT

At the close of 1845 the store numbered upwards of 80 members and possessed a capital of £181 12s 1d. At first the store paid 2½ per cent. interest on borrowed money; then 4 per cent. After paying this interest and the small expenses of management, the profits were divided among the purchasers at the store in proportion to the amount expended; and the members soon began to appreciate this very palpable and desirable addition to their income. Instead of their getting into debt at the grocer's, the store was becoming a savings bank to the members, and saved money for them without trouble to themselves.

LIMIT OF FOUR SHARES PER MEMBER

The Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers made up its mind that a capital of £1,000 must be raised for the establishment of a store; this sum to be raised by £1 shares, of which each member should be required to hold four and no more. In case more than £1,000 was required, it was to be lawful for a member to hold five shares. At the commencement of the store, it was allowed a member to have any number of shares under fifty-one. The chances of any member availing himself of this opportunity were very dreary, but the officers were ordered and empowered, and commanded to lay down all fifty pound shares with all convenient speed, and any member holding more than four shares was compelled to sell the surplus at their original cost, when applied to by the officers of the Society. But should a member be thrown out of employment, he was then allowed to sell his shares to the Board of Directors, or other members, by arrangement, which would enable him to obtain a higher value. Each member of the Society, on his admission night, had to appear personally in the meeting room and state his willingness to take out four £1 shares, and to pay a deposit of not less than threepence per share or one shilling, and to pay not less than threepence per week after, and to allow all interests and profits that might be due to him to remain in the funds until the amount was equal to four shares in the capital.

FINE FOR NEGLECT TO MEET PAYMENTS

Any member neglecting his payments was to be liable to a fine, except the neglect arose from distress, sickness, or want of employment. When overtaken by distress, a member was allowed to sell his shares, save one.

Every member was to be formally proposed, his name, trade and residence made known to everyone concerned, and a general meeting effected his election.

The officers of the Society included a President, Treasurer and Secretary, elected half yearly, with three trustees and five Directors; Auditors as usual.

OPENED ONLY TWO DAYS A WEEK

The store was opened on the evenings of Mondays and Saturdays only—from seven to nine on Mondays, from six to eleven on Saturdays. It would appear from this that the poor flannel weavers only bought twice a week in those times. A dreadful string of fines is attached to the laws of 1844. The value of a Trustee or Director may be estimated by the fact that his fine for non-attendance was sixpence (12c). It is plain that the Society expected to lose only half a crown if the whole five ran away. However, they proved to be worth more than the very humble price they put upon themselves.

Under their management members rapidly increased in numbers and the store was opened March, 1846, every night except Tuesday. In February, 1846, it was resolved that the store be opened on Saturday afternoons for the meeting of members; an indication that the business of the store was becoming interesting and required more attention than the weavers were able to give to it after their long day's labor was over.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP IN BAD TIMES

In case of distress occurring to a member, we have seen that he was permitted to dispose of his shares, retaining only one. During 1847 trade was bad, and many of the members withdrew part of their shares. Nothing can better show the soundness of the advantages created by the Society than the fact that the first time trade became bad, and provisions dear, the members rapidly increased. The people felt the pinch, and it made them look out for the best means of making a little go far and finding that the amount of a shilling entrance fee, and threepence a week afterwards (which sum being paid on account of their shares, was really money saved), would enable them to join the store, they saw that doing so was quite within their means and much to their advantage.

BUSINESS OF STORE STEADILY INCREASED

The business of the store was gradually increasing all the time. The lower room of the old warehouse was now too small for the business, so the whole building, consisting of three stories and an attic, was taken by these enterprising co-operators, on lease for 21 years. More new members were added to the Society in 1849. The second floor became the meeting room of the members and also a sort of news-room, for on August 20th, it was resolved, that Messrs. James Nuttall, Henry Green, Abraham Greenwood, George Ashcroft, James Hill and Robert Taylor be a committee to open a stall for the sale of books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., the profits to be applied to furnishing the members' room with newspapers and books. At the close of 1849 the number of members had reached 390. The capital now amounted to £1,193 19s 1d, and the weekly receipts for goods £179.

NO SECTARIAN TESTS FOR MEMBERS

Very early in the history of co-operation, the Co-operative Congress wisely agreed to this resolution: "Whereas the co-operative world contains persons of every religious sect, and of all political parties, it is unanimously resolved, that co-operators, as such, are not identified with any religious, irreligious, or political tenets whatever, neither those of Mr. Owen, nor of any other individual."

Sectarianism is at all times the bane of public unity. Without toleration of all opinion, popular co-operation is impossible.

In April, 1851, seven years after its commencement, the store was open for the first time, all day.

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(To be continued)

Russia Will Purchase From 3,000 to 5,000 Horses in Canada This Year, Govt. Authorities Are Informed

Farmers, Stand by Your Pool!

The Alberta Plan Is Proper Basis for Any National Association

over the U. F. A. plan of industrial organization as basis for both immediate and potential activity and the general recognition of its success, I think that is a clear indication that Alberta method will soon be adopted in other provinces. At any rate I think the Alberta plan might well be discussed and tested and brought now through right before the coming farmers' convention for consideration and action.

The delegates at these conventions should agree on some such workable plan of organization for the respective provinces then provision will be made. And in the province of Alberta the Alberta plan, then national organization will be effected with speed and ease.

The adoption of the Alberta plan has by all odds over put out methods of the should enable the organized farmers to begin a prosperous settlement the same industrial foundation second, endowing the same co-operative people. Third by carrying the same certain of use of industrially and politically the power to achieve. Such provisions would be accepted organizational structure in the country. The move it would be thoroughly coordinated and a foundation for a national organization could be established.

Simplest and Most Practical

Then finally the Alberta plan the simplest and most practical method of bring up a national union of organized farmers. The only new step is passed under the plan is a national convention held every year, of the election of a national executive committee. The delegates to national conventions should elected by the district officers of the Provinces if so and such number of others that the provincial section may consider equitable or may choose to elect. The national executive committee should be elected at the national convention. In the meantime the present Canadian Council of Agriculture would be organized up by the national executive committee and the work of the established farmers' movement started on a national scale.

Proposed Resolution

Now, therefore, in order to encourage the initiation and further progress in the work by our fellow farmers in Saskatchewan and for the benefit of the U. F. A. to show our interest in this work, I hope that the following resolution will be passed before the next U. F. A. convention. Be it resolved that the United Farmers of Alberta, are prepared to amalgamate with any or all provincial organizations of farmers that adopt the principles of industrial group organization as the fundamental one for industrial and political action and further that the Saskatchewan section of Directors and Executive Officers be prepared to the organizations in Saskatchewan the adoption of the Alberta plan as the basis for provincial coordination and national organization.

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WETASKIWIN ELECTION EXPENSES

The expenses of the Wetaskiwin U. F. Federal constituency Association in the recent Federal election totalled $1,000, according to the returns of D. Christie official agent.

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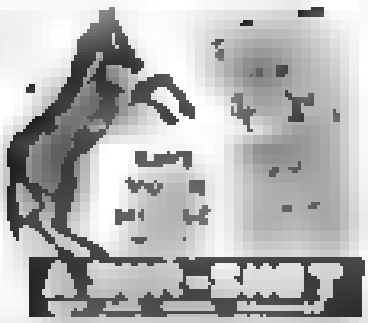

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Impressions of New Member Described by H. B. Adshead

Plans for the Social Night Preceding the Annual Convention

Oppose Payment of Indemnity to the Opposition Leader

The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

Program of the Annual Convention of United Farm Women of Alberta

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Resolutions for Women's Convention Deal With Important Issues

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St. Albert Will Be Glad of Assistance in the Appeal Costs

Judges Held Free Refreshments on Eve of Election Not Breach of Law

The first contribution to the St. Albert election appeal fund has been made by Barons Local, who sent in $5 to the fund which has been opened at Central Office.

As was announced in the December 15th issue of "The U. F. A.", the Appeal Court reversed the decision of Chief Justice Simmons and reinstated L. Boudreau, the Liberal candidate. The entire costs have been assessed against the U. F. A. candidate, L. Normandeau, who petitioned against the election results, with the result that the St. Albert U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association must raise the sum of $3,500.

"The facts as found by Chief Justice Simmons of the Trial Division were not disturbed," states F. D. Cunningham, secretary of the St. Albert association. "The Appellate Division did not take any different view of the actual facts of the case, from the view expressed by the Trial Judge. They held that refreshments served to sixty half-breeds on the Saturday evening preceding the election under the circumstances did not constitute a breach of the Alberta Elections Act.

"We shall greatly appreciate any contributions by any sympathizing organizations, through the Central Office, Calgary."

Judge Finds Corrupt Practices Extensive, Athabasca Election

Twenty-nine Persons Disfranchised for Illegal Practices—Widespread Evil

Twenty-nine officials and election workers in the 1925 Federal election campaign in Athabasca were disfranchised by Justice Clarke who conducted the inquiry into the charges made by D. F. Kellner, the U. F. A. candidate. In giving judgment, Mr. Justice Clarke said:

"The evidence taken before me, in my opinion, establishes that the petition for this inquiry presented to the House of Commons was well founded, and that corrupt and illegal practices extensively prevailed within the said electoral district, and at widely separated points."

Martin Neyhouse, registrar at Cold Lake, was found guilty of wilful malfeasance, this voters' list containing more than twice as many names as there were persons qualified to vote. At Bella Lake, where not more than ten persons were voters, the list contained 72 names, and the signature was evidently a forgery, states the justice's decision. Mervin W. Harris and William Lawler were found guilty of forgery, and are disqualified from voting in a Federal election for seven years. Other persons were found guilty of forgery, issuing fictitious cheque, perjury, and other malpractice. Several of the persons who gave self-incriminating evidence were given certificates of indemnity by the Judge.

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Former President of Travellers Condemns Attack on Pool

Endorses Strong Protest of Brother Travellers Against Use of Association for Anti-Wheat Pool Propaganda

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

I am indebted to you for the current copy of your paper. I am pleased to see that your issue contains a protest from some brother travellers. On the other hand, I am extremely sorry the Travellers Organization should not have seized the first opportunity of apologizing to your Wheat Pool for the unwarranted attack on it by the North West Grain Dealers' Association, making us the medium, with a plain effort to make us the goat.

I have 32 North West Commercial Travellers' Association certificates and I have acted as President, and also on the Board, and let me assure you that during my terms of office, I should not have allowed our Association to be the means of sending out any such propaganda. Your Wheat Pool is doing good work for Alberta, and I can honestly say, "Carry on!"

I am, yours truly,
A. M. MOUAT.

23 Elma Block,
Calgary, Alta., Dec. 17, 1926.

Ukrainians Are Keen for U.F.A. at Bellis

Prefer the Broad U. F. A. Spirit to Narrow "Nationalism"

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

A very successful meeting was held in Bellis recently, at which Mrs. E. B. Gunn, President of the U. F. W. A., spoke on the co-operative movement, education and world peace. J. G. Rusnak, member of the U. F. A., interpreted the speech into Ukrainian language to the audience, stressing the importance of rallying into one great organization as a whole of the class of people who work and produce everything, but hardly enjoy the use of it, against the class of people who do not work anything, but possess all the wealth and products produced by the farmers and working people. He said that the only way in which any betterment and change of the present situation and conditions (system) may be attained and the world's peace secured, is by becoming members of the U. F. A., the U. F. W. A. and Junior Branches, and taking active part in the real co-operative movements, and seeking proper education and solid unity, instead of struggling among ourselves and dividing ourselves into hundreds of different nationalities, groups, sects cults and partyisms.

AGAINST NARROW FORM OF "NATIONALISM"

A little group of Ukrainian nationalists, who actively worked during the last Provincial election for the Conservative candidate, and own a hall in Bellis, headed by one Ukrainian chauvinist, refused to rent the hall to us for that day, and with a view of defeating our meeting, did purposely, after seeing our announcement of the meeting, announce a concert put up with a free school children with the help of the school teacher and a dance. But they were greatly disappointed when all the farmers—men, women and young people went to the school house, where our meeting was held, and even many of the townspeople, although they had to walk half a mile, went to the school, overfilling it, while nobody except they themselves remained in their hall, about six in number.

After the meeting we had our own dance and a free lunch put up by the U. F. W. A. members in the school. While the younger people entertained themselves in another room of the school, the farmers remained discussing their matters further. J. Rogoson, Reeve of M.D.V., discussed municipal matters and the shortage of seed grain for next spring, owing to the failure of crops this year in our district through lack of rain last summer. Later on many farmers took part in the discussion, pointing out how a few of these nationalists have fooled them when building that national hall. It was built mostly by the farmers, but being unaware of these foxy nationalists, they agreed upon the constitution and bylaws of that association whereby it provides that only Ukrainians can be members and a good "patriot", too, no matter whether he is a farmer, exploiter, king or baron. If the poor hard-working farmers want to deposit money to that association and hall it is good and good, but he cannot be a member, nor has he any voice in it. All the farmers and other sympathisers of our movement were of the opinion that a U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Community Hall must be built as soon as possible, wherein every man belonging to the working class who produce the necessary commodities and products, irrespective of what nationality or creed, can be a member if he wants to be and shall have a full voice in its affairs.

This is the right kind of spirit and action in our organization which counts and spells success and stands immune from the poisonous gas of the chauvinists, partisans, exploiters and sectarians, and is but another additional proof that the U. F. A. is on the sound basis and in solid unity, destined to triumph.

J. J. CHIBINSOFF,
President U. F. A. Bellis Local No. 6[illegible]

PEARL HUCULAK,
Sec.-Treas. U. F. W. A. Bellis Local No. [illegible]

E. MAXIM,
Sec.-Treas U. F. A. Yuma Local No. [illegible]
Bellis, Alta.

REALIZED VALUE OF ORGANIZATION

The outstanding achievement of Saskatoon U. F. W. A. Local (Eckville) during the past year was the sending of four delegates, as in former years, to the University Week. The funds were obtained, writes Mrs. J. E. Lundberg, president, "by entertainments, plays, etc., which were given good support by the people in the district. On November 8th we gave a successful Thanksgiving supper, and Mrs. P. C. Hepburn, our Director, gave a very encouraging and interesting little talk. She stressed the fact that the menfolk should encourage their women to belong and attend the women's meetings. We have 20 members in our Local, and looking back we can see several useful things we have accomplished since organization, that could not have been done without the organization."

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Makes wondrous the commonplace.
The standard for high and lowly
Is the standard of real worth;
Life's values are truly measured
In a light that is not of earth.

—Charles L. Patterson.

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A pie social held at the conclusion of a recent meeting of Eagle Hill Local realized the sum of $36, states Mrs. F. Arnason, secretary. A whist drive is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

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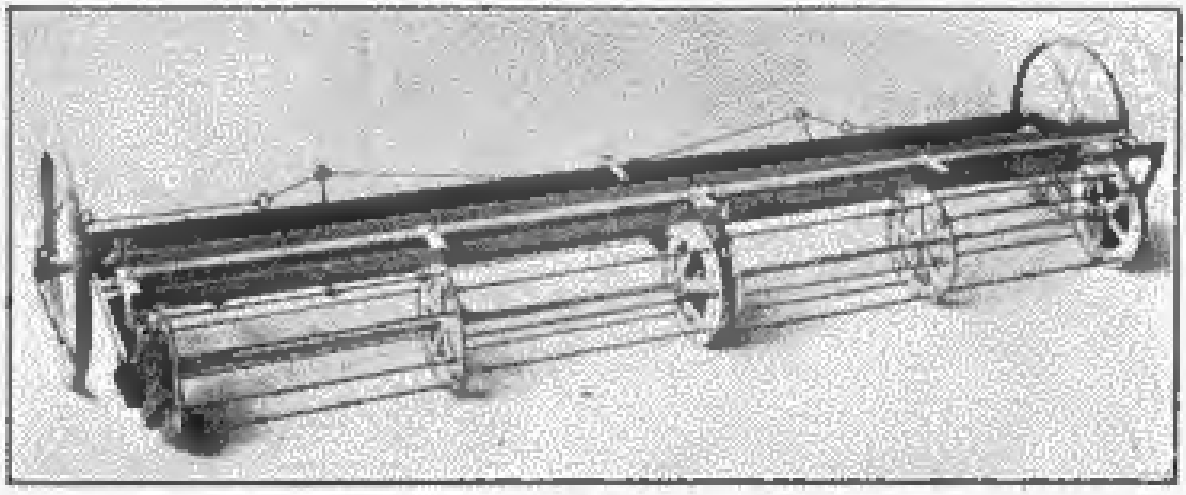

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